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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, TS

SUBJECT: SSN VISIT TO TUNIS

REF: YOUR 190846Z DEC 73 (NOTAL) TUNIS 5432 (NOTAL).

1. DURING VISIT OF VADM MURPHY TO TUNIS IN EARLY
DECEMBER, HE DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR POSSIBLE SSN
VISIT TO TUNISIA. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT WE NEEDED MORE
TIME BECAUSE A) STILL TOO SOON AFTER MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES
TO EXPECT TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT TO AGREE, AND B) WE AWAITING
STATE DEPT CLARIFICATION RE POSSIBLE REGIONAL IMPACT OF
SSN VISIT TO TUNISIA.

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2. NEVERTHELESS, I HOPEFUL WE CAN WORK EVERYTHING
OUT OVER COURSE OF COMING MONTHS, POSSIBLE IN TIME TO

PLAN ON VISIT SOMETIME DURING LAST QUARTER OF CURRENT
FISCAL YEAR. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

3. FIRST SSN VISIT TO TUNISIA SHOULD BE TO BIZERTE
RATHER THAN TUNIS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE AT OUTSET
POSSIBLE ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION.
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